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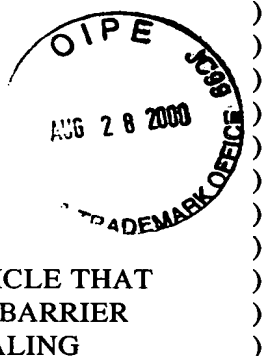
In re Patent Application of

Eva SIMMONS et al.

Application No.: 09/380,208

Filed: November 8, 1999

For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE THAT
INCLUDES A LIQUID BARRIER
WITH IMPROVED SEALING



Group Art Unit: 3735

Examiner: Unassigned

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ The fee of \$240.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement, and the petition fee of \$130.00 (122) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) are also enclosed.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

Each of the documents listed was cited in a British Examination Report and is relevant for the reasons recited therein. A copy of the Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a prior art search has been made.

In addition, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that each of the references submitted herewith is in fact prior art with respect to the present application, or that each of the references is considered to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

The documents are being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1489. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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